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SUBJECT: ARRANGEMENTS FOR SUMMIT

FOR AMBASSADOR ONLY FROM COUNSELOR SONNENFELDT

1. I CALLED IN FRENCH AMBASSADOR THIS MORNING AND ON IN-
STRUCTIONS TOLD HIM THAT THERE WERE CERTAIN ASPECTS TO THE
PRACTICAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE SUMMIT THAT WERE UNSATISFAC-
TORY.

2. I NOTED THAT WITH RESPECT TO NOTETAKERS, WE HAD NOT
REPEAT NOT AGREED IN THE PREPARATORY MEETING THAT THERE WOULD
BE NONE. WE HAD, IN ORDER TO REDUCE NUMBERS OF PERSONS IN
THE ROOM, BEEN WILLING TO HAVE ONE COLLECTIVE NOTETAKER
WHOSE RECORDS WOULD BE FURNISHED TO ALL PARTICIPANTS. WE
NOW NOTE THAT THE FRENCH HAVE ARRANGED FOR SIMULTANEOUS
TRANSLATION, AND THAT THIS WILL PROVIDE THE FRENCH WITH
RECORDS BUT NOT THE OTHERS. CONSEQUENTLY, THE PRESIDENT
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INTENDS TO HAVE A US NOTETAKER TO ASSURE THAT WE HAVE ADE-

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QUATE RECORDS, INCLUDING FOR ANY FOLLOW-UP ACTIONS. WE ARE PREPARED TO HAVE THIS US NOTETAKER SIT IN WHATEVER SPECIAL SPACE IS SET ASIDE FOR TRANSLATORS.

3. IN THE PREPARATORY MEETING WE AGREED THAT THERE MIGHT BE OCCASIONS WHEN THE HEADS WOULD TALK ONLY AMONG THEMSELVES, WITHOUT ASSOCIATES. BUT IT HAS ALWAYS BEEN OUR ASSUMPTION THAT IN THE PREPONDERANCE OF OCCASIONS, THE HEADS WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY BOTH, OR AT LEAST ONE OF THEIR ASSOCIATES. THIS ALSO APPLIES TO MEALS. I SAID WE DID NOT WANT TO UNDERMINE THE FLEXIBILITY AND INFORMALITY OF THE SUMMIT, BUT WE EXPECTED THE ARRANGEMENTS TO ASSURE PARTICIPATION AS STATED IN THE PRECEDING SENTENCES.

4. WHILE WE AGREED THAT THE HEADS WOULD BE ACCOMPANIED BY THEIR FOREIGN AND FINANCE MINISTERS, THE PRESIDENT WOULD WANT TO HAVE THE FLEXIBILITY OF SUBSTITUTING ONE OF HIS OTHER SENIOR ADVISORS IF THIS SEEMED DESIRABLE TO HIM ON ONE OR ANOTHER OCCASION. I SAID I ASSUMED THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR PASSES TO THE CHATEAU, ETC., WILL REFLECT THIS FLEXI-BILITY.

5. I SAID THAT THE PRESIDENT'S DELEGATION WILL INCLUDE SEVERAL SENIOR OFFICIALS IN ADDITION TO THE TWO MINISTERS AND THAT WE ASSUME ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE MADE TO HAVE THESE OFFICIALS CLOSE TO THE CHATEAU DURING THE MEETINGS IN THE EVENT THAT THEY NEED TO BE AVAILABLE URGENTLY TO THE PRESI-DENT OR HIS TWO ASSOCIATES. AGAIN, I SAID THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR PASSES AS WELL AS TRANSPORTATION SHOULD ALLOW FOR THIS. (FYI WE SIMPLY WANT ADEQUATE FLEXIBILITY ON THIS POINT END FYI.)

6. THE AMBASSADOR SAID HE WOULD CONVEY THESE POINTS TO HIS AUTHORITIES. YOU SHOULD ASSURE THAT WHOEVER ON OUR SIDE DEALS WITH THE FRENCH ON FINAL ARRANGEMENTS MAINTAINS THE POSITIONS IN PARAS 1 TO 5.

7. FYI ONLY. I TOLD THE AMBASSADOR THAT THE CANADIAN EPISODE, INCLUDING THE STYLE EMPLOYED BY THE FRENCH, HAD LEFT A BAD TASTE. WE ALSO HAD THE IMPRESSION THAT THE CONFIDENTIAL

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SUMMIT WAS BEING HANDLED MORE AS A FRENCH MEETING TO WHICH OTHERS WERE INVITED THAN AS A COLLECTIVE PROJECT. I RE-MINDED HIM THAT THE PRESIDENT'S AGREEMENT TO GO TO THE SUMMIT HAD NOT BEEN WITHOUT ITS CRITICS AND BOTH THE CANA-DIAN MATTER AND THE UNILATERAL MANNER OF SOME OF THE ARRAN-GEMENTS WERE NOT HELPFUL. I SAID WE REMAINED CONVINCED THE SUMMIT COULD SERVE A GOOD PURPOSE AND WE REGRETTED THE FACT THAT IT WAS BEING CLOUDED BY SOME OF THE THINGS THAT HAD

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HAPPENED. END FYI. KISSINGER

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